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The Reef Check Foundation on the occasion of the “Reef Check Foundation International Ocean Festival” will be hosting an event on September 16, 2007 at the Malibu West Beach Club to declare 2008 as the International Year of the Reef.

The purpose of the event is to show the important work that they do to save and rehabilitate coral reefs globally and here in our home State of California, and commend them for their commitment to reversing the coral reef crisis through programs of research, education and conservation, and support of the International Year of the Reef (2008), which will bring worldwide attention to the crisis facing coral reefs and how we can help to save them.

The International Declaration of Reef Rights has served to provide a platform for those citizens that wish to participate in saving the reefs of the world, and the attendant “best practices” suggested in the declaration will clarify for many what each of us can do to save the reefs of the world and to better appreciate how we can in concrete ways save our treasured seas.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors declare 2008 as the International Year of the Reef and congratulate the Reef Check Foundation on the occasion of the “Reef Check Foundation International Ocean Festival.”

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